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SUBJECT: GATT ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS

FOR STR

1. DURING EMBOFF'S APRIL 19 CALL ON MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS

(MFA) REP CALAMIA (DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF EC-GATT AFFAIRS), HE

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INDICATED LATEST REPORTS FROM ITALIAN MISSION IN BRUSSELS WERE

THAT PROSPECTS FOR US-EC AGREEMENT ON INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS APPEARED GOOD BUT THAT SIZEABLE DIFFERENCES STILL EXISTED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS (CITRUS AND TOBACCO).

2. CALAMIA SAID DECISION TO GO BEYOND MAY 1 ON GRESH ORANGES IS UP TO PRIME MINISTER AND/OR MINISTER AGRICULTURE, BUT MFA HAD TO DATE HEARD NOTHING FROM EITHER SOURCE WHICH WOULD CLEARLY INDICATE ANY GIVE BEYOND MAY 1 IS POSSIBLE EMBOFF STATED MAY 1 NOT RPT NOT SATISFACTORY. CALAMIA EMPHASIZED THAT ANYTHING BEYOND MAY 1 WOULD CAUSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR OTHER EC MEMBERS (READ GRANCE), SINCE THIS WOULD IN EFFECT WIPE OUT EC PREFERENCES FOR MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES. PROBLEM IS THEREFORE NOT ONE WHICH ITALY ALONE CAN DECIDE FOR EC.

3. CALAMIA SAID EC UNABLE UNDERSTAND RATIONALE FOR US REQUEST ON TOBACCO, SINCE THIS WOULD BENEFIT OTHER SUPPLIERS MUCH MORE THAN US. TOBACCO IMPORTED FROM US, ACCORDING TO CALAMIA, IS IN \$300 PRICE RANGE, BUT EC ALSO IMPORTS HIGH QUALITY TOBACCO FROM OTHER SOURCES WHICH IS VALUED AT \$600 OR MORE. MAXIMUM DUTY OF 45 UNITS ACCOUNT WOULD THEREFORE BE OF MORE VALUE TO US COMPETITORS THAN TO US. EC EXTREMELY RELUCTANT PROVIDE BENEFITS TO OTHER THIRD COUNTRIES ON THIS ITEM, WHICH WOULD BE THE CASE IF US REQUEST MET. VOLPE

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